

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the heading and paragraph beginning on page 1, immediately after the Title "Plasmid-Based Vaccine for Treating Atherosclerosis", and substitute the following revised heading and paragraph, updating the reference to related applications. The following amended heading and paragraph show deletions with ~~strikethrough~~ and show additions by underlining):

--Cross-Reference to Related Application Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/171,969, filed ~~2 October 1998~~ October, 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,284,533, which is the United States national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application No. PCT/US97/07294, filed ~~1 May 1997~~ May 1, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of ~~United States Patent Application~~ U.S. Serial No. 08/802,967, filed February 21, 1997, now abandoned, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of ~~United States~~ U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/052,983, filed ~~1 May 1996~~ May 1, 1996--